The State, foreign operations bill funds the nation's diplomatic and development mission and is a vital component of our national security. Over the past five years we have seen an increase in funding for this bill as our nation has engaged in two wars and confronted threats to our security from terrorist and extremist networks which feed on the despair of poor and disenfranchised people around the world. The President's request for activities under the jurisdiction of this Subcommittee is \$56.656 billion. The total funding in the chair's mark is \$52.656 billion, which is \$4 billion below the request and \$3.89 billion above the FY 2010 enacted level.

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